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HALL DINNER GREAT SUCCESS LAST EVENING

Residents of Strathcona Hall Hold Annual Dinner.

DR. GORDON GUEST OF HONOUR.

Explains That the True "Alma Mater" is Spirit, Not Structure.

Strathcona Hall last evening was the scene of a most enjoyable occasion, namely, that of the Residents Annual Dinner. The dinner, as in former years, proved to be a decided success, about seventy-five or more residents partaking of the sumptuous feast, which literally covered the tables. After everyone had put away all that was possible, "Greek Fire" or gingerale, as it is known in plain English, and cigarettes were brought in.

Alex. M. Bell, who acted as chairman in a very efficient manner, then proposed the toast to His Majesty the King. W. F. Kearns, in a few appropriate remarks, then proposed the toast to Alma Mater. This was replied to by Dr. Gordon, of the Faculty of Medicine, who was the guest of the evening. The address rendered by him proved to be very interesting, livened up by many good stories. He referred to the spirit that has been shown by McGill men, not only here at the college, but overseas as well. "It is not the buildings that constitute our Alma Mater, but the spirit shown by her sons." The buildings are but the outward sign of that spirit. He also referred to the wonderful work done by Strathcona Hall, with which he has been long associated. He had the signal honour of donating the last amount required for the erection of the Hall. Following Dr. Gordon's address a delightful corset duet was rendered by H. S. Brown and F. P. Kearns.

The toast to the Boys across the Seas was then proposed by E. M. Busby, who has been active service with the 6th Ambulance Corps. He was very ably followed by Jack Copeland, who also is a great war veteran having seen several months' action before being wounded and returned home unfit for further service, to Canada.

Geo. A. Cheeseman favored the boys with a rather humorous recitation, which well deserved the applause it received.

R. C. Leggo then proposed the greatest of all toasts, namely that to The Ladies. In this regard he lived (Continued on Page 4.)

WHAT'S ON.

TO-DAY.

5.00 p.m.—Meeting of Lit. Executive.
6.30 p.m.—Chairman's Dinner for Y.M.C.A. Financial Campaign.
7.15 p.m.—Meeting to re-organize the Glee Club.
8.00 p.m.—C.O.T.C. Drill.

COMING.

Nov. 9.—Med. Undergrad. Society Meeting at 8.15 p.m.
Nov. 9.—Water Polo, McGill vs. M. A. A. A.
Nov. 9.—Meeting of Executive and Social Committee of Arts Undergrad.
Nov. 10.—Football, Science vs. Med.
Nov. 12.—Dinner, teams in Y. M. C. A. Financial Campaign.
Nov. 13.—Y. M. C. A. Campaign commences.
Nov. 13.—Water polo, McGill vs. M. S. C.
Nov. 14.—Y. M. C. A. Financial Campaign.
Nov. 15.—Election of Vice-President of Union.

FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF SATURDAY AFTERNOON

C. O. T. C. Will Parade to Stadium in a Body, and Rooters Will Be Much in Evidence.

Through the courtesy of the officers of the C.O.T.C., the Rugby Football Club have been enabled to arrange for the play-off in the Inter-Faculty Football Series, between Medicine and Science, for Saturday afternoon.

The Battalion will fall in for parade at the usual time, namely, 3 p.m., and immediately after roll call will march to the Stadium. The band will be in attendance, and this will in all probability be their first appearance. With the splendid instruction that the members of the Band have been having this year, great things are looked for from them. The game will be started immediately on the arrival of the Battalion at the Stadium. The best brand of football that has been seen at McGill since the discontinuance of Intercollegiate sport, and with the guarantee of a large attendance, will bring back to the Seniors the nearest approach of a real game since their Freshman year.

Arrangements are being made for a cheer leader, and if their efforts are successful, some old time yelling should be in evidence.

The student body will no doubt greatly appreciate the courtesy of the C.O.T.C. in making this arrangement possible, also the sentiment expressed by Captain J. C. Simpson that the drilling was merely one of the student activities, and should not interfere with other student activities if co-operation is at all possible.

The appointment of officials is now being discussed by the representatives of the two teams, and will be announced as soon as the selection is made.

All men who are not members of the C.O.T.C. should make a notation on their engagement calendar for Saturday at 3 p.m. Bring her along as well.

McGILL GRAD. RETURNS FROM FRONT.

Wilfred Andrew (Bill) Landry, Sc. '10, who has just returned from the front, passed through the city last Tuesday. While in the city he paid a visit to McGill. He stated that he had returned from the front to take up a course in flying at Camp Borden, Ont.

LIEUT. J. J. HAROLD WOUNDED.

Mr. L. Harold, superintendent of transportation of the G. T. R., has received word that his son, Lieut. J. J. Harold, Arts '16, has been severely wounded in the arm with gunshot. Up to the time of his enlistment, in the early stages of the war, "Joe" was a member of the class of Arts '16, and had completed his third year. Lieut. Harold secured an appointment as sergeant in the C.O.T.C., and a short time after joining the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In July, 1915, he went overseas with his regiment. He was previously wounded at Ypres, but returned to the front in October of last year, shortly after which he was awarded his commission for service rendered on the field. "Joe" was an active member of the Daily staff, and took a keen interest in student activities.

RECOMMENDED FOR FLYING CORPS.

At a recent meeting of the Examining Board of the Montreal Branch of the Aerial League of the British Empire, Lawrence E. Armstrong, Arts '21, son of Prof. Armstrong, was recommended for the Royal Flying Corps.

B. B. CLAXTON ARTS '19 MAN WRITES HOME

Interesting News About Camp Life in Letter to His Father.

WAS WITH McGILL DRAFT.

Imperial Camps Better Than Canadian.

The following are extracts from letters of an Arts '19 man to his father, Mr. A. G. B. Claxton, K.C.:

Deepest Camp.

October 9th, 1917.

Dearest Dad,—September 28th:—

Packed up and fell in at 1.30 for inspection by Col. King, who presented one of our Sergeants (Rudge) with a M.M., won in France for clearing a fire out of an ammunition dump. We then walked 2½ miles to Witley Station, and enfiladed. Four of us began to play bridge. We went through Guildford and Woking, and got on an engineer's train at Brookwood. After 20 minutes' journey we arrived at Deepcut at about 5.30, and in contrast to procedure at Canadian Camps, after a walk of five minutes were put in our huts, and had hot tea served us. I was put in charge of No. 1 hut with 24 men of our sub-section. The huts are the same as at Shorncliffe. We have beds and mattresses, and three blankets, but eat in a mess hut, while at Shorncliffe we ate in our own huts. Deepcut is an Imperial Garrison Artillery Camp, and we are the first and only Canadians to arrive. There is an Army and Navy Canteen Hut and a C. of E. Hut for billiards, concerts, etc. The arrangements are better in every way than in Canadian Camps. This is universal in England, and a man is considered lucky if he gets sent to an Imperial Camp.

29th.—Reveille. (We get up at seven). Breakfast, 7.45, parade, 8.30. Squad drill (infantry for first time since Canada)—we did dismounted cavalry drill at the other places.

30th.—Church of England service at 9.30. Sermon on "Divinity of Christ"—poor. In afternoon walked down Basingstoke Canal with Tom Kennedy to Mudjet Lake (near Farnborough), about three miles, where we rented a skiff and rowed and read for four hours, and ordered tea for four at waterside inn. This is the only way to get enough to eat in England, order for twice as many as there are, and you'll get enough. This canal is even better than the one at Hythe, being for the most part completely hung over with trees, with occasional patches of sunlight.

October 1st.—Inspection by O. C. Camp—pretty rotten showing. Began N.C.O.'s brush up course with 9 sent for N.C.O.'s, all from France. I was only McGill Draft man, so I had a pleasant time keeping up with them.

We drill on 20 cwt. 25 cwt. 6" howitzers and 60 pounders, 18 and 15 pounds, doing game drill on each. Gunnery is most interesting as a science, but rotten as drill. This course lasted till Saturday, when we went back to drill with men.

Besides gun drill we have knotting and lashing (I instruct in this), gym, drill, moving weights with block and tackle, and suspended from a tripod, moving weights from purchases on pickets in ground, P. T. gun laying, gas drill, etc. Our battery is composed of 1 Major, 5 subs, 1 S.M., 1 Q.M.S., 6 Sergeants, 6 Corporals, 1 Bombardier and 144 others. The while is divided into a right and left section, with two sections in each; this is divided into two sub-sections, under a sergeant.

Went on several splendid walks around here. The country is interlaced with country lanes and footpaths. The woods are mostly pine, oak and chestnut, and very little ground under cultivation, all pasture.

I have begun an instructor's course in gas. So I have spent the time off writing notes up, hence this delayed letter. Our hours were 9.30 to 12.15, 2.15 to 4.15. The first day we had lectures on the history of gas, and training in the use of the small Box Respirator, and saw chlorine used in the open field. Went into the gas chamber with respirator on, and had lachrymatory gas. In the afternoon we had more helmet drill and lectures on gas shells and smoke bombs, having one off in the field.

On Tuesday more lectures and drill, but did not have to go through gas. On Wednesday had practically all day in the gas chamber. The idea is to get you used to the protection used, and also confidence in it. We went into chlorine:

1.—With helmet on.

2.—With respirator on.

3.—With helmet off, but put it on when the gas dangerous.

4.—With respirator off and as in No. 3.

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All who sing, or who think that they can entertain in any way are earnestly requested to attend.

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THE BIBLE STUDY IN THE UNIVERSITY.

A propos of the Bible Study movement started Monday night in the Hall by the McGill Y. M. C. A. men, it is worth while to notice that much value of a varied nature comes from Bible Study. We have evidently got beyond the age when the Bible was read and reflected upon at home; much less is this so with the College student of to-day. Few, indeed, if any have enough of enterprise to tackle the "Morning Watch," and spend half an hour every morning in order to read the Bible.

No student should forget that a great deal of our intellectual as well as moral and spiritual culture comes directly from the Bible. No one is thoroughly educated without a literary knowledge of the Bible, and no one can estimate what this world owes to the Bible. It has inspired more authors than any other book; it is the first cause—if we can apply this scientific term in this case—of most of our modern classics.

The Bible was one of the books with which Shakespeare was familiar, and to read Shakespeare intelligently one must know the allusive references which he so frequently makes. Ruskin tells us that he had to learn by heart vast parts of the Bible, of which he acknowledges its value and effects on his life.

The Bible is not only the Great Book of all ages, but many books which now come to us, are but "irradiations of that light" that lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

From a purely literary point of view the Bible contains the sublime of all poetry, the original of dramas, the most delightful of narratives, and perhaps the most pointed of short stories. Hence, the invaluable asset which is acquired by becoming acquainted with the treasures of the Bible. The great movement towards religious freedom in the Sixteenth Century was due directly to the Bible. In these days of limited vocabularies—except, perhaps, among the very learned—a knowledge of the Scriptures furnishes the ordinary vocabulary with a degree of excellence not easily attained otherwise.

The Bible is not recommended chiefly for such a purpose, however, in the present Bible Study Campaign of the McGill Y. M. C. A. While two of the obvious results which come from Bible Study are the enriching of the mind and of the powers of expression, and while a knowledge of the Scriptures lends elegance and dignity in one's conversation by using the King's English as found in the Bible, the main issue of Bible Study is of a still higher value. The Bible is the great source book of all that is best in life. In it the highest conception of moral life yet dreamed of has been achieved. In it the person of Christ—the world's greatest and strongest leader—is presented in all its fullness and power. In it the highest revelation of the Divine to the Human has been given. The Bible is not an outworn book. It is ever new and ever fresh to every generation of men. The principles enunciated in this Great Book are bound to form the basis of the happier reconstructed Society, and the University men who must be the leaders of to-morrow should make their education full and complete by a systematic study of the Bible such as is now being offered by the "Y."

ARTS SOPHS. ADOPT HUNNISH TACTICS

Succeeded in Greatly "Adding" to Yesterday's Bill at Local Theatre.

Yesterday afternoon the members of the Arts '20 Glee Club journeyed to the Orpheum to indulge in the first of a series of enjoyable times. Seats had been reserved for the members and on the whole everybody had an excellent time. The manager of the theatre was rather dubious in giving permission for so many McGill men to attend his theatre in a body. "You can't tell how they will end up," he said. However, moved no doubt by the fact that the freshmen had made such a good showing at the Imperial a short time ago, and also that the latter amusement house would now be only too glad to accommodate any number of McGill men, he granted it for once. Here the McGill students lost their old-time eagerness for fun? Well—we will leave that to the manager to answer, with the gentle admonition that this was our "first swarm." The performance was, on the whole very good. The men, however, seemed to be quite a bit put out with the atmosphere of the house. Coming from the well-ventilated Arts class rooms they were somewhat surprised with the apparently stagnant air of the theatre, which seemed to grow worse as the house filled with people. One of the illustrious members of the class offered the suggestion that a cat had accidentally died a week ago, and had not as yet been discovered by the management. People about seemed as much distressed as the students. Numbers arose and hastened to the rear, and at one time it was thought that there would be a clean sweep of empty seats to the stage. However, some people seemed possessed with a good deal of perseverance, and forming a kind of helmet with their handkerchiefs, which, by the way, in every case seen by the Daily representative, were fashioned after those adopted by the McGill men, sat it out. One woman dared to venture the remark that "It was an outrage." What she meant I do not know, but if it was the bad air I agree with her entirely.

At the close of the last scene, the men gave a hearty McGill yell, which, to our astonishment, was the first indication that many of the people had that we were college boys. One woman, on the way out of the theatre, ventured the remark that now she knew what was the cause of the foul atmosphere.

We feel sure, however, that the next time we desire to go to the Orpheum or any other theatre we will not have to beg permission. Apart from a few college pranks the affair was carried out as a credit to the class rooms they were somewhat surprised with the apparently stagnant air of the theatre, which seemed to grow worse as the house filled with people. One of the illustrious members of the class offered the suggestion that a cat had accidentally died a week ago, and had not as yet been discovered by the management. People about seemed as much distressed as the students. Numbers arose and hastened to the rear, and at one time it was thought that there would be a clean sweep of empty seats to the stage. However, some people seemed possessed with a good deal of perseverance, and forming a kind of helmet with their handkerchiefs, which, by the way, in every case seen by the Daily representative, were fashioned after those adopted by the McGill men, sat it out. One woman dared to venture the remark that "It was an outrage." What she meant I do not know, but if it was the bad air I agree with her entirely.

The Place of the Periodical in Reading

"The periodical provides a via media through which homogenous thought developed simultaneously the world over, may be focused and in turn disseminated for the edification of others."

It requires a certain amount of education to develop an interest in reading as a pastime. Such education is so general to-day that the number of people who read and write, is becoming increasingly large. Consequently there are a great many who indulge their leisure hours in the pursuit of literature.

To enter into a study of the literature read by people in general would be an utter impossibility. The information is not available, nor is it possible to gauge the interest of the reading public by looking over the list of new books published each year. The number of books of every variety and of every conceivable title under the sun, is becoming greater, year by year.

The Cry of the Present Age.

The great cry of the present is to turn recreative forces into educational channels. The child from its earliest years is taught to play educative games. Even in its isolated play these educative forces are at work. Energy along every line is conserved and utilized. The recreation of the adult could be turned to good account in the same way. This is especially true of reading.

There is a vast field of literature open to anyone who has developed a taste for reading. Never was there such a mass of material produced. Never was there a greater opportunity published and never a better opportunity for knowing what the world is thinking or doing.

Two Classes of Literature.

All published literature may be classified into two great divisions: the permanent and the ephemeral. To the former we shall not here devote much attention except for purposes of comparison. Suffice it here to say that this is a form of literature studied in its thought and language, usually couched in the classic language of a people with a view to occupying a permanent position in the literature of the world. This distinction does not always follow because there are books of this nature published which have no more than a passing interest and good books, too, which are of others of less value. A bad nature which receive a permanence they do not deserve.

The Periodical Literature.

The second class of literature which we intend to deal with more specifically here is the ephemeral publication, which has no pretence to permanence. This class of literature is called periodical. Periodical literature is such as is published at regular intervals, daily, semi-weekly, weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually; and at other irregular intervals. The number of such publications is legion. To classify them according to their contents is an utter impossibility. They deal with every subject which occupies the mind of men. They are like the great department stores in which anything can be obtained from a needle to an anchor. Their range extends from the woman's magazine, which contains the latest designs in fancy embroidery to the latest results of speculative enquiry. Does a lady wish for some novel method of entertaining her friends? Is a periodical production will be at hand to provide her with all necessary details. Does one wish to know the latest methods of banking or the most modern diction of the text; the title and industrial world; there is a periodical production in that sphere which will supply all the necessary information. There is also the religious publication produced under the auspices of individual churches and denominations giving news of affairs both at home and doing in the mission fields. There are the publications of schools, colleges and universities; of clubs and societies; of professional and industrial organizations; of art and music. In short everything that occupies the attention of the human mind is dignified by being put into print and made accessible to the rest of humanity.

The general mass of periodical literature may again be divided into two classes; the information giving and the story. Again the classification is not mutually exclusive as there are magazines of a miscellaneous nature combining information and the story.

The Books of the Hour.

These books, as Ruskin calls them, are books of the hour. "They are," simply, the same writer says, "the useful and pleasant talk of some person with whom you cannot otherwise converse printed for you." Such pleasant talk must not be underestimated.

CONVERSAT. FOR WESLEYAN FRESHMEN.

A very successful Conversation was held at the Wesleyan College on Tuesday evening, when the freshmen were the guests of the senior years. The men, accompanied by their lady friends, assembled soon after 8 o'clock, and were welcomed by Principal Smyth and Prof. Graham.

After songs by the classes the company were favoured with Kipling's "Recessional," ably rendered by Miss Ingham, together with a reading from Prof. Holt, and recital by Mr. Suter. Then came games, in which all present engaged, and these were followed by refreshments which were served by members of the Cabinet.

Dr. Smyth, who spoke a few words, was followed by Mr. Jackson, who welcomed the Freshmen, for whom Mr. Dills replied.

After another enjoyable reading by Prof. Holt, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

With pleasure, the presence of Mrs. Smyth, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Holt and Prof. Pounder was noted.

Williams College, won its five-mile cross-country race with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Williams-town, Mass., Saturday, 28 points to 32. Platt or Williams finished first in 28 min. 32 sec.

ated. Were it not for such many whose tastes are inclined in any special direction would never have an opportunity of developing themselves in that direction. The entrancing story of travel in other lands most frequently found in periodicals have a decidedly educative as well as entertaining value.

The greater number of periodicals of a decidedly literary character deal with all the interesting topics of modern thought. The book which sets itself to discuss and expound any such thought, be it the result of modern scientific investigation or some new phase of speculative thought, does so after the various sides of the question at issue have been fairly thoroughly discussed. And it purports to set forth the author's viewpoint on the same subject. The periodical usually gives first hand information. Articles which appear are generally from the hand of the investigators or thinkers themselves. Generally speaking, these ideas set forth in the periodical are in a state of flux without having taken definite shape. Following the period of discussion which the periodical alone provides, the more definite statement of truth comes in a more permanent and developed form. Thus the periodical provides a via media through which homogenous thought developed simultaneously the world over, may be focused and in turn disseminated for the edification of others.

War Literature.

In these days when the great European War occupies such a large place in men's minds, it would be folly to expect that we should wait for the absurdly delayed process of producing books in a permanent form to obtain information. There is hardly a periodical, from the most widely read and influential to those with little pretension to wide circulation and popularity, which does not in its every issue, give some information, perhaps the latest news or some illustrative anecdote connected with the war. This is invaluable. On a question of such vital interest it is not to be expected that the reading public should wait for the more ponderous, polished and finished publication. Besides, the war is not yet finished. The natural expectation would be that books of a permanent nature giving a history of the war will appear after the war. Meantime, the heroic deeds of the armies are recorded by expert journalists at the front, and come to the reader through the medium of the periodical. Such articles are deserving of more permanence and will doubtless be so produced in the future for the benefit of posterity. The articles which appear even in the daily papers, and in such periodicals as the Saturday Evening Post by Cobb, or the Strand, Windsor and such magazines are deserving of permanence.

The Great Authors of To-day.

Those who are interested in the trend of poetry will find to their delight, that the periodical meets their disposition. What a great loss would be sustained by the present generation if it were not familiar with the great authors of its own age! It has been said that great writers or poets or artists are not fully appreciated in their own day and generation. That may have been true of a past age, but hardly so of to-day. Through the medium of periodical literature the present generation is able to read the great works produced only a few weeks or months before, and being so familiar with the great works of the past, a comparative estimate may quickly be made of the ability of the poets and writers of the present day. It would be a great loss to the age if the productions of Alfred Noyes, of Dr. Bridge or Kipling did not come into general purview during its experience. We are largely indebted to the periodical for such acquaintance with the writers of our day, and generation.

The Short Story.

But there are productions in the periodicals of an entirely different type. There is not the slightest doubt that the all story magazine is a menace to the cultivation of a taste for good sound reading. It will not do to underestimate the value of the short story for recreational purposes. Indeed, also the short story of the best kind is invaluable from a literary point of view. The half hour story, when well written, is a production. It leaves a unified impression on the mind which is not intercepted by the experience of every day, nor does the reader encounter the exasperating experience of having to

put away the book in the midst of a most exciting and entertaining paragraph. It does not follow, then, that all short stories are not of value. The short tales of Louis Stevenson, of E. A. Poe, or of Kipling are not to be considered on the same plane as the short story magazine productions. The insipid, invariable love tale of every amateur writer, with its thrilling tales of impossible adventures create a desire for more and still more of that kind of thing. They lure their readers on and act like poison in the blood, demanding more and still more.

The periodical has an enormously large place in the reading of the public of to-day. From its nature it is perhaps well that it should be so. There are no fewer than ten thousand and published annually in the United States. To use a Russian phrase, "All these books of the hour, multiplying among us as education becomes more general, are a peculiar characteristic and possession of the present age; we ought to be entirely thankful for them and entirely ashamed of ourselves if we make no good use of them." Perhaps we are thankful for them and show our thankfulness by reading nothing else. The value of this kind of reading is great indeed, bringing us as it does into close touch with the times and movements and the trend of thought of our day.

The True Place of the Periodical.

But, says, Ruskin, "We make the worst possible use if we allow them to usurp the place of true books, for strictly speaking they are not books at all, but merely letters or newspapers in good print." Judging from the production and the numbers on exhibition in the bookstalls of this class of literature, it would seem that Ruskin's warning has not been taken seriously. The Saturday well read people include half a dozen or more of this popular and entertaining reading. It seems that this generation does make the worst possible use of its advantages. It is difficult to have read everything, but you cannot have read this and that also. The great works of literature lie on our bookshelves untouched. They make nice learned-looking libraries, but the best literature of the ages is abandoned for the sake of the popular demands. The desire to be up to date is accountable to some considerable extent for this state of affairs. Those who read the classics of literature find themselves dreadfully isolated and regarded as a sort of oasis of pedantry in the midst of a desert of vivacious and racy conversation on the latest story in the Red Book, Blue Book or some other such story magazine. Our generation generally does not seem to be able to discuss intelligently the great works of the past. Our tasks are light, our ability to concentrate on a piece of real literature which would be for ever an intellectual achievement is well nigh gone. Regrettable is the fact, but true, that good solid reading is not done to-day as in the past. The masters are calling to us from our bookshelves, but we heed them not. Our ears are stopped to their voices, while we have given willing and unquestioned allegiance to this mode of the present.

The Place of the Newspaper.

The newspaper occupies a large, indeed the largest, place of any published periodical of to-day. The circulation of our largest dailies reach well over half a million. The newspapers are indispensable. No one who wishes to be abreast with the times can afford to discard these. But how many there are who read nothing but the newspaper? It is good enough for the breakfast table, but assuredly not reading for all day. Another writer has suggested that one should always have on hand some standard work to which to resort for a little while every day.

The periodical occupies a larger place with the reading public than ever it did before. It has its place and a very valuable place. It has its disadvantages, which ought to be guarded against. It should not get the whole place. It cannot ever hope to produce a substitute for the best class of literature. It has not sufficient stability and character to do that.

Perhaps the cheapness of production makes it accessible to a great many. But even then the public library provides books of the highest order for those who will. We must be generous and give what credit is due to that large body of literature which does in these days do so much to disseminate the fruits of research and thought. Its value is great, but it should not be accorded the first place in the estimation of a reading public.

—W. S. T.



The Royal Military College of Canada.

THERE are few national institutions of more value and interest to the College of Canada, notwithstanding this, its object and the work it is accomplishing are not sufficiently understood by the general public.

The College is a Government Institution, designed primarily for the purpose of giving instructions in all branches of military science to Cadets and Officers of the Canadian Militia. In fact, it corresponds to Woolwich and Sandhurst.

The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and there is in addition a complete staff of professional and civil subjects which form such an important part of the College course. Medical attendance is also provided.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive a practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound modern education.

The course includes a thorough grounding in Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Surveying, Physics, Chemistry, French and English.

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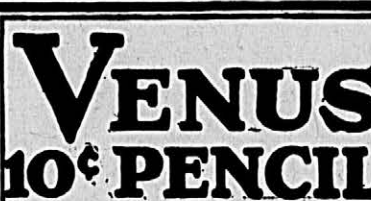
The diploma of graduation is considered by the authorities conducting the examination for Dominion Land Surveyor to be equivalent to a university degree, and by the Regulations of the Law Society of Ontario, to obtain the same exemptions as a B.A. degree.

The length of the course is three years in three terms of 12 months each.

The total cost of the course, including board, uniform, instructional material, and all extras is about \$800.

The annual competitive examination for admission to the College, takes place in May of each year, at the headquarters of the several military districts.

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AT THE ST. DENIS.

Charming Mae Marsh will be seen at the St. Denis Theatre for the balance of the week in "Sunshine Alley," a photo-play production written especially for her by Mary Rider. "Sunshine Alley" is all that the name implies, being radiant with optimism and in itself a welcome relief from the long series of sex plays that have been presented on the screen for several seasons past. The entire story is woven about the love of a little girl for her marvellous bullfinch, a bird that has learned to trill the arias of four operas, and her love for her grandfather, who sustained injuries when knocked down by an automobile. Many incidents occur from here on in swift succession, and a thrilling finish is developed which ends happily, but not until a number of interesting adjustments have been made. On the same programme William S. Hart will be seen in "Dakota Dan," a photo-play production directed by Thos. H. Ince.

The much heralded photo-play production by Herbert Brenon, "The Fall of the Romanoffs," will be seen at the St. Denis Theatre the entire week beginning Sunday. It is based on Russian history for the past 20 years. It deals with the intrigues which lead up to the overthrow of the Russian dynasty, and shows "Illodor" himself, who was the former confidant of Ras-

WESTMOUNT REMEMBERS HEROES.

At a meeting of Westmount Council held on Tuesday night, reference was made to the decoration of Gunner G. W. Abbott-Smith, who has recently been awarded the Military Medal.

ARTS-LAW FOOTBALL TEAM.

Members of the Arts-Law football team who obtained O equipment from the Students' O Council are requested to return the same to-day.

SCIENCE UNDERGRAD. EXECUTIVE MEETING

More Science Men Urged to Sign Up on Daily Staff.

A meeting of the executive of the Science Undergraduate Society was held yesterday afternoon in the Engineering Building. Several important questions were brought up and discussed.

The question of making the meetings of the Science Undergraduates of real interest to all four years of the faculty was first examined. As the meetings in previous years have been addressed in a rather technical manner, the attendance of the first and second years has been very poor. To make these meetings more attractive to all the students, it was decided to hold the first general meeting on Friday evening, November 30, in the form of a Smoker in the Union. There will probably be a short address from some prominent engineer, and further entertainment will be provided in the form of musical numbers, and possibly selections from the old friend of the Faculty, "Jimmy" Rice. It is hoped that a programme of this form will call forth a large attendance of all form years, especially of the first and second. Meetings of this kind will promote a better faculty spirit, and the newer men will have a splendid chance to become better acquainted with their seniors.

A committee consisting of Eric Camp, and Winters, the First Year President, was chosen to arrange the details of the meeting.

The financial affairs of the Society were discussed, the books showing that there was a considerable sum at the Society's credit. This, however, will have to be handled with care.

Other less important matters were discussed and some decisions regarding the coming year were arrived at. Finally it was decided to try to give the McGill Daily better support than has hitherto been accorded it from Science. There are too few Science representatives on the Daily Staff, so all undergrads in the Faculty who have the least ability are urged to sign up on the Daily Staff, and further the interests of Science on that paper.

A CHANGE OF TRAINING.

She didn't raise her boy to be a fighter; But they went and took him from her just the same, And they stripped his giddy garments off the blighter, And they strapped a suit of khaki on his frame.

She didn't raise her boy to be a scrapper— And, to do her training justice, he was none; But they carried off her ukulele tapper, And they coached him in the technic of a gun.

She didn't raise her boy to be a shooter— Nor anything, in fact, except a fool; And they handed him a sergeant for a tutor, And they turned him out a credit to the school.

She didn't raise her boy as I have told yer—

CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE HELD MEETING YESTERDAY

Victoria and M. A. A. A. Will Not Play This Season.

An informal meeting of the Montreal City Hockey League was held in the Union last evening, at which delegates from all members of the League were represented. Both Victoria and M. A. A. A. stated that it would be impossible for them to operate this season, and will ask permission at the Annual Meeting to allow their franchises to remain inactive.

Shamrocks, Loyola, Laval, McGill and Nationals all signified their intention of participating in the League. Applications for membership have been received from the Loyal A.A.A. and the Canadian Vickers A.A.A. Definite action will be taken on these applications at the Annual Meeting.

It was reported that the management of the Arena had expressed their willingness to co-operate with the League again this season.

The Laval delegate made an announcement, which will be of great interest to McGill men, that they would only allow men to play on their team who were full fledged undergraduates at their University.

A suggestion that met with the approval of the meeting was the appointment of permanent goal judges. This will eradicate the difficulty of making last minute appointments that was encountered last year. Another suggestion that met with favour was the using of one professional referee only. If sufficient amateur referees can be secured it is probable that the games will be handled by one professional and one amateur referee. It is practically certain that the schedule will be suspended during the Christmas and New Year holidays. This was tried out last season and proved very successful, as it allowed the three college teams to play all their games at full strength.

The Annual Meeting of the League will be held on Wednesday next, Nov. 14th, 1917.

ARTS '21 CLASS PHOTO TAKEN.

Yesterday, sharp at noon, the freshmen in Arts lined up on the steps of the Arts Building, looked their nicest and had their picture taken. This is one of the important events of the first year, and, needless to say, will be valued by the man even for many years after he has graduated.

Cornell University easily finished first in its triangular cross-country run with the University of Pennsylvania and Carnegie Tech. at Ithaca, N. Y., on Saturday, with 44 points to 78 for Pennsylvania, and 159 for Carnegie. Dresser of Cornell won the individual honors in 29 min., 13 1-5 seconds.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology defeated the Dartmouth varsity cross-country team in a dual meet at Hanover, N.H., Saturday, 24 points to 31. Captain Herzog, of Technology, finished first, covering the five-mile course in 30 min., 13 sec.

To live upon the military plan, But they sent him back to her, not just a soldier, But every inch of him a man. —Selected.

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HERE, in a sentence, is the reason why the Dominion Government will ask you in November to buy Canada's Victory Bonds. But why does Canada need more money to carry on the war?

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This is one reason—a reason that will convince you, and every other patriotic citizen, that if Canada needs this money, she must have it.

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This has resulted in keeping our farmers, miners, lumbermen, fishermen and the workers in every branch of manufacturing industry fully employed.

Should this condition now be disturbed, every man, woman and child in the Dominion would undoubtedly be adversely affected.

Great Britain is anxious to continue buying supplies in Canada. But Britain is bearing so tremendous a financial

burden on production at home, and in assisting our Allies, that she can now buy only on credit on this side of the Atlantic.

Therefore Canada proposes to extend to Great Britain the credit she must have by borrowing money from the people of Canada through the sale of Canada's Victory Bonds.

Thus Great Britain will be enabled to continue buying her supplies in Canada and to pay cash for them to the Canadian producers. This, in turn, will result in a continuance of that business activity so essential to the well-being of all the Canadian people.

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R. R. FITZGERALD RETURNS.
Arts '19 received a pleasant surprise yesterday morning, when R. R. Fitzgerald unexpectedly returned to continue his course in Arts and Medicine. Fitzgerald is recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, which he contracted while out surveying in the Canadian Rockies last summer, and it was not thought that he would be able to return to college this year. Everybody was glad to see "Fitz" back, and as he has been turned down by the military authorities once already, it is hoped that he will be able to continue his course without further interruption.

The New Hampshire State College cross-country team defeated Tufts College, in a dual meet at Medford, Mass., Saturday, 24 points to 33. G. T. Nightingale, captain, of the New Hampshire team, finished first in 27 min. 20 sec.

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LIBRARY IS HAUNTED BY MYSTERIOUS STRANGER

Socialist Fugitive Being Tracked by International Police.

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He even attempted to persuade the library attendant to meet a member of his family at the station for him, implying that a highly interesting contest with the police might be staged, and giving as his reason for thus obtaining a substitute, the fact that he was not a "gun-man," whatever his other attainments in the direction of shooting might be.

This interesting character also declared himself to be a socialist of the purest kind, holding to a policy of passive resistance on occasions of attack from those of militaristic views. Further developments in the situation are looked for in the near future.

HALL DINNER GREAT SUCCESS
LAST EVENING.
(Continued from Page 1.)

well up to his reputation, touching on the great sacrifices that the women of to-day are making towards the winning of the great war. He was followed by "Doc" Ward very ably. R. G. Clark was called upon to give a song, and his merits as a singer were well sustained.

The toast to The New Residents, proposed by K. P. Tsolainos, was responded to in a most efficient manner by W. S. Taylor. Last, but not least, was the toast to Ourselves, "not as our enemies see us, but as our best friends see us," said Don McLeod, the proposer. In this he was followed up by Pat Rooney, F. P. Kearnes, P. Heinebecker, and E. Tartak, representatives to the House Committee of the different floors of The Hall.

The evening was then brought to a close by the singing of "Hall Alma Mater," and "God Save the King," accompanied by the Hall Orchestra (Soup Whitcombe). Much credit for the enjoyable evening spent and for the efficient manner in which everything was run off, is due to the members of the Dinner Committee, who spared no efforts to make it a success.

RECORD NOMINATIONS FOR UNION

Nominations in all. This is a record of nominations for any office in college in the past five years.

Following is the list of candidates for election:

T. J. J. Fox, Sci. '18.
George Wallace, Sci. '18.
W. F. Kearns, Sci. '19.
Julius Block, Med. '22.
J. R. Ritchie, Arts '19.

Nominations for Vice-Presidency of the Union.

Considerable activity developed yesterday morning after the appearance in the Daily of the previous day that the time for nominations had been extended 48 hours. The Science Faculty in particular showed great interest and put forward three men, while Arts and Medicine each put forward one man, making five.

MEETING OF THE LIT.
The executive of the Literary and Debating Society will meet in Strathcona Hall, Room D at 8 p.m., to consider immediate business.

B. B. CLAXTON, ARTS '19 MAN, WRITES HOME.
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5.—Walked through without anything holding breath.
6.—Vnt in "with nose-dip" and mouthpiece and gave commands to each other.

7.—Went in and changed helmet for respirator.
8.—Had actual gas attack in trenches.

9.—Practical dispersing gas with respirator on and changed it for helmet all in dark and all this is a concentration that would kill a man in about 62 seconds. It's not a very pleasant course. Last night I was awake all night coughing the cough of one slightly gassed. I assure you that when the time comes I'll get the respirator on before anyone else has thought about it. Gassed is one of the most horrible casualties that can come to a man. There's no real remedy, and how the Bosches are using six or seven gasses with different effects simultaneously, it's no fun. But our respirators give protection against them all. Each man before going to France has to have gas drill, and has to actually pass through gas (like we did, only not as hard or as long—14 times), twice. Nothing can happen to the man with his helmet or respirator on, and it gives him confidence. Its only in courses like ours that casualties in training might occur, but they only happen through the man's losing his head, as happened in our first day—he's on excited duty and will be for some time. This course has been really not enjoyable though interesting. Its rotten to breathe chemically treated air, and have a respirator that for about two hours a day, especially as a respirator path on one after a time.

October 18th. — To-day we had exams. Major G. has left, and a Capt. Orr who has organized four C.

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